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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PLANTS

1. MAYOR OF NUWARA ELIYA, ATTRACTIVE PRINCIPAL HILL TOWN IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE SEEDS AND OTHER PLANTINGS TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO BLOOM DURING ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW, TO BE HELD IN APRIL 1974, AT WHICH PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER WILL PRESIDE. MAYOR STATES TREES PLANTED AT INCEPTION OF TOWN ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO ARE GRADUALLY DYING OUT AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS NOW PREVENT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FROM IMPORTING FLOWER SEEDS AND BULBS AS IN PAST.

2. MAYOR SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS FOLLOWING:

A. FOR THE MUNICIPAL PARK: BULBS: 40 CORMS EACH OF VARIOUS VARIETIES OF DAHLIAS; 120 CORMS OF POMPOM DAHLIAS IN MIXED COLORS; 100 CORMS EACH OF VARIOUS VARIETIES OF LARGE FLOWERING GLADIOLI;
SEEDS: TWO TO EIGHT OUNCES OF PANSY, SWEET PEA, ASTOR, ARCOTIS, LARKSPUR, LUPIN, PETUNIA, STOCK, STATICE, CARNATION, TUBEROUS BEGONIA, PRIMULA, AND PHLOX.

B. FOR ALONG MAIN HIGHWAY: GRAFTED PEACH AND APPLE PLANTS AND FLOWERING TREES.

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3. MAYOR IS FRIEND OF EMBASSY AND ZEALOUS GUARDIAN OF
NUWARA ELIYA'S BEAUTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. WE WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
DEPTS EXPLORING, THROUGH SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, OR
NATIONAL ARBORETUM, WHETHER ALL OR ANY PART OF MAYORS
REQUEST CAN BE MET FROM US SOURCES.
VAN HOLLEN

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